HOWARD HUNT

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Dear Chuck:

In the midst of this I thought came the thought that contrast reprisals ought to be taken against the HEW employees who insisted that I be removed from Mullen's HEW account. They did this on the 21st of June, pre-judging me, and resulting in my being fired by the Mullen Company. The latter move, of course, has the public effect of convicting me and seems gratuitous and unwonted.

The officials in question are both Democrats of the McGovern stripe: Dr. Edwin H. Martin of the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, and Harvey Liebergott, his understrapper who works at the OE office in Boston, and is the project officer.

Let me say that I profoundly regret your being dragged into the case through association with me, superficial and occasional though the association was. What small satisfaction I can dredge up at the moment is the knowledge that I was not responsible for the affair or its outcome. All this pales, of course, beside the overwhelming importance of re-electing the President, and you may be confident that I will do all that is required of me toward that end.

Sincerely,

Howard